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BADGER CAGERS GO TO ANDREWS THIS WEEK-END

With football togs stored away until next Aug. 15, Coach Benson turned his attention this week to to meet the Andrews Mustangs at Andrews on Friday and Saturday nights of this week.

With only four days of practice under their belts it is doubtful that ball" game.

will be returned to Merkel on the nights of Jan. 2 and 3.

drews will be James Land, Robert | noon. Hodge, Billy Fat Nash, Robert Sledge and Don Dudley.

Merkel will compete in the west section of District 5A, along with Roby, Roscoe, Loraine, Roscoe, Snydistrict playing the winner of the east half for the full District 5A

The Badgers' conference schedule: Colorado City here on Jan. 9; Merkel at Loraine, Jan. 13; Merkel at Roscoe, Jan. 16; Roby at Merkel, Jan. 20; Merkel at Snyder, Jan. 23; Merkel at Colorado City, Jan. 27, Loraine at Merkel, Jan. 30; Roscoe at Merkel, Feb. 3; Merkel at Roby, Feb. 6; Snyder at Merkel, Feb. 10.

Lt. Jimmy Bickley Survives Air Crash

First Lt. Jimmy Bickley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bickley of Abilene and grandson of Mrs. W. H. Laney of this city, was one of the six survivors of the 29 American military men aboard a huge Army Transport plane that crashed in Labrador's icy wilderness Tuesday midnight of last

He was taken Friday to Reed hospital, Washington, D. C., and reports were that he had no internal injuries and his general condition was good. He had a fractured left leg. frost-bitten right arm and hand, frost bite on right leg and right foot and face lacerated. Sunday, however, a hospital nurse said ip a phone conservation with his parents that "he was coming along slowly."

Lieutenant Bickley's wife, whose home is in Santa Monica, Calif., arrived at the hospital Sunday and his mother left Tuesday night for Washington. Lieutenant and Mrs. Bickley are the parents of two children, Michael, two, and Paul Owen, a month old.

Friends here will recall that during the war Jimmy survived another crash, on Jan. 7, 1944, when his B-24, on which he was co-pilot, was shot down on a bombing mission north of Paris. He escaped the crash and through friends in the "underground" managed to reach Allied troops.

John Deere Program **Draws Large Crowd**

The annual John Deere Day program brought more than a hundrad farmers to Bullock Hardware Tuesday for a day of education and pleas-

A barbecue lunch, with hot coffee and cakes, was served at nan, after which guests viewed the movie "Doctor Jim," starring Stuart Ervin, together with several interesting and educational talking pictures.

Assisting Mrs. Bullock and Mrs. Ray Mundy in serving lunch were Mesdames Nim Teaff, Jarrett Pinckley, Pete Fetty, Weldon McAninch and Harry Reece of Stephenville.

Carroll Benson Says "Thanks" to Sport Fans

To All Football Fans:

For the generous cooperation of the football fans who made it possible for me to be driving a new Fleetline. I want to say "thank you," but this is not all. In a material way, you have manifested your friendship but I want to say that the loyal bighearted support of the fans in backing the team and giving the boys that fine encouragment without which no team can win games is equally as much appreciated as the gift. The the Jesse James serial which has in a big way and this gift is just transferred to the Queen theatre another evidence of the splendid type of citizenship that resides in

Merkel area. My wife joins me in this expression of appreciation.

Carroll Benson.

A 70-YARD PASS IN LAST MINUTE **SNATCHES GAME**

trying to shape up a basketball team Levelland Lobos Come from Behind Twice in Last Quarter to 1947 on Saturday morning. Down Badgers by One Point and Win Region 2 Title.

Scoring on a play that probably the Badger cagers will be able to would not occur once in a decade- a chosen by the coaches of the disgive the Mustangs just a "round 70-yard pass play in the last minute trict. of the game-the Levelland Lobos These two games with Andrews came from behind twice in the last quarter to down a battling Badger eleven 20 to 19 for the Region 2 The probable starters against An- championship here last Friday after. J. Moore, Snyder.

A crowd of 3,500 chilled fans sat through a thrill-saturated, dramafilled football classic that will be my Walker, Merkel; Bucky Johnson, long-remembered. It is doubtful that Loraine; Duvall, Roscoe. der and Colorado City. A double any game in the future will ever have round robin schedule will be played as much excitement for Merkel fans Sanford Carr of Merkel at a tackle with the winner of this half of the as did the final quarter with the post. Carr has been on the All-Dis-Scarlet and Black Lobos.

> In every department of play with the exception of yards gained by passing the hard-fighting Badgers had the better of it. On the ground especially, it was the Purple and Gold all the way. Merkel's three ripsnorting backs, Corky Land, Leroy Teaff and Jimmy Walker behind the bruising blocking of Leon Floyd, Bobby Gilbert, Bobby Criswell and Donald Douglas exhibited a crushing, bruising ground attack which rolled up 240 yards rushing to 70 for the Lobos.

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Rites for Mrs. Clyde L. Irvin Held Monday

Mrs. Clyde L. Irvin, 43, resident of the Hebron community, died at 9:45 a. m. Monday at the Sadler Clinic-Hospital. Ill since June 1, she

Funeral services were held at 2 p m. Tuesday from the First Baptist church, with Rev. Melvin Byrd, of Lueders, former pastor of the Hebron Baptist church, officiating, assisted by Rev. W. O. Harper, of Fort Worth, also a former pastor, Rev. A. S. Watson, present pastor, and Rev. E. M. Weathers, pastor of the First Baptist church of Merkel.

Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery. under direction of the Barrow-Sheppard Funeral home.

Pallbearers were J. H. Clark, Forrest Black, Lee Ponder, J. K. Blair, Leo Harris and Bernard Clark.

Flower girls were Louise Graham. Martha Smith, Doris Cooper, Louise Wade, Wanda Daniel, Mona Robertson, Doris Black and Patsy Clark.

Her maiden name was Pearl Meeks and she was born Dec. 4, 1904, at Trent. She was married to Mr. Irvin on Nov. 8, 1927, and they have lived in the Ncodle and Hebron communities since their marriage. Mrs. Irvin joined the Baptist church at the ago

Surviving are the husband; tw daughters, Joyce and Dorothy Nell; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Meeks, of Merkel; two sisters, Mrs. John Brooks of Merkel and Mrs. Frank Pippin of Post, and six brothers: Roy and Arthur Meeks of Seminole, Lee Meeks of Arlington, Othor and C. T. Meeks of Abilene, and Charlie Mecks of Merkel.

"Merchants Day" A Feature Each Week

With Bryan Higgins as announcer, representing his firm, the Higgins Blacksmith shop and Service station, the other two firms sisting in the "Appreciation Day" program this week were West's Auto Supply store and the Claude Smith Food store.

"Appreciation Day," sponsored by a group of Merkel merchants, is held each Wednesday with the big event scheduled at 4 p. m.

Texas Closes, Serial to Be Shown at Queen

With the closing of the Texas theatre, which Manager Norman f. Hodge announced Monday morning, to make Merkel their home. recople of Merkel always do things been running at the Texas, will be

Chapter No. 10 will be shown on Friday and Saturday of this week, and beginning with No. 11 on We'snesday and Thursday of next week Malone, Monday, December 15, 1947. and driven by Joy Lansford, also of a statuette of a football player the exciting serial will be shown hereafter on the mid-week date.

RATE FIVE ON ALL-STAR TEAM OF DISTRICT 8A

Supt. R. A. McCollum of the Mer kel Public Schools, chairman of the District 8A football committee, an-

Merkel placed five men on the mythical eleven, Roscoe two, Rotan, Colorado City, Loraine and Snyder one each. The team members were

The All-District team:

neth Edwards, Rotan. Tackles-Sanford Carr, Merkel; E.

Guards-Bobby Joe Criswell, Merkel; Benson, Colorado City.

Center-Billy Pat Nash, Merkel. Backs-James Land, Merkel; Jim-

The only unanimous choice trict team for the past three seasons. The only other repeaters from last year are Bucky Johnson of Loraine and James Land of Merkel.

Sanford Carr Named On All-State Eleven

220-pound left tackle on the Merkel angel feathers and spiced tea. Badger Championship football team, was placed on the All-State Class A football team for 1947.

the Fort Worth Star-Telegram takselections.

tackle for the past three years and was the only unanimous choice on this season's honor squad. He is the of Charles Simpson, Gerald West, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. I... Those eligi son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carr, on

Church Name Changed To Calvary Baptist

The name of Calvary Baptist church was adopted at a congregational meeting of the Fundamentalist Baptist church Wednesday night of last week, when it was voted to change the name from Fundamental ist to Calvary Baptist church, the pastor, Rev. A. T. Suskey, stated when he requested change of name in the weekly church column carried by The Mail.

PERSONALS

Rev. and Mrs. F. E. Healer and boys were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Whisenhunt of Ballinger Tuesday and Wednesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Vick and daughter of Littlefield were visitors last week with his sisters, Mrs. W. I. Derstine and Mrs. Mack Tuck-

Mr. and Mrs. Artist Cook accompanied Rev. and Mrs. F. E. Healer and boys to Sweetwater Friday night to visit Mr. Healer's parents, who have just returned from St. Louis, Mc., visiting their daughter during her illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Herrington were passing visitors in the Artist Cock home Monday of last week.

After game guests Friday in home of Mr. and Mrs. John Malone anl Lanajohn were Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Reeves and daughter, Donna, of Lamesa, and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Beavers of Anson. The Malones returned to Lamesa with the Reeves' for the week-end.

Mrs. H. C. Williams, who accompanied her daughter, Mrs. E. Q. Warren, home to Knox City, after Thanksgiving, and has been in the hospital there since, is reported getting along nicely and plans to leave the hospital in a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Johnson and daughter, Evelyn, of Oklahoma City, Okla., were week-end guests of his mother, Mrs. May Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Richardson,

who have been making their home at Hobbs, N. M., arrived here early this week and may decide to return

Record of Births

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Huber,

Sunday, December 14, 1947. Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Wednesday, December 17, 1947.

BAND AND PEP **SQUAD HONOR** FOOTBALL BOYS

nounced the All-District team for Christmas Theme Carried Out In Program and All Details of Banquet Attended by 200 Persons at Community Center.

At the climax of a successful gridiron season, the members of the High School band and Pep Squad honored the football boys with a banquet at Ends-St. Romaine, Roscoe; Ken- the Community Center Tuesday night. About 200 persons were present

including band members, Pep Squad members, football boys, High School faculty members and wives and husbands, school board members and wives, and guests.

Main speaker for the occasion was Anthony Hunt, former deputy state superintendent, from Abilene. ' He very forcefully illustrated how football is a great man builder, pointing out three important things in playing football which are carried over into life: (1) observance of the rules of the game; (2) spirit of cooperation, and (3) the determination to

The building was decorated with other Christmas symbols. The banquet menu included fruit cocktail, As the climax of a great high chicken and dressing, peas, cranberry school football career, Sanford Carr, sauce, potato salad, hot rolls, butter,

The Christmas theme was carried out in all details. Opening number of the program was the grand march This is the first year an All- played by Patsy Swann at the piano. State Class A team has been selected, After the singing of the school song, led by Jackie Toombs and Becky Seying the lead in sponsoring the pro- more, the invocation was given by ject. C. A. Farley, sports editor of Supt. R. A. McCollum of the Merkel able. The Mail, was one of several writ- Public schools. As toastmaster Gerald ers over the state who helped in the Salter first proposed a toast to the team, which was responded to by Don Sanford has been an All-District Dudley and Santa Claus (represent-

Ernest Ray Reynolds and Mrs. Johnsie Allen, rendered Christmas music. Lanajohn Malone, mascot of the Pep Squad, gave a clever reading, to be rewarded with a mascot doll, presented by Jackie Toombs and Becky Seymore. Mrs. Edwin Read played a violin Christmas medley, accompanied by Mrs. Comer Haynes.

A clever skit, entitled "A Football Pie," was presented by the following members of the speech class Charlotte Harwell, Susie McWilliams, Helen Conley, Wilda Bowles, Barbara Sandusky, Becky Seymore, Billie Seymore, Sandra Sadler, Suc Mayfield, Della Gilmore, Nena Joyce Best, Larose Perry, Janice Patterson, Beth Lee Thompson and Jackie Toombs

Mrs. Myrtle Woolley, sponsor of the Pep Squad, spoke briefly, thanking all who helped to make the banquet possible. Mrs. Johnsie Allen. band director, and Edwin Read, High School principal, also spoke briefly.

Twelve girls from the Choral club sang several Christmas selections. They were: Barbara Sandusky, Mona Robertson, Laverl Stout, Charlotte Harwell, Jane Hughes, Bina Grace; Brown, Nena Joyce Best, Della Gilmore, Billie Seymore, Vivian Gasio, Joy Lansford and Glenna Clifford.

Coach Carroll Benson presented the 26 boys who played enough this year to letter. He thanked every one who had helped to make this foot ball season a success and stated that the boys had a good season because they had the desire to win and tice willingness to work hard in practice. On behalf of the football team, Jimmy Walker presented a gift for

Dr. W. T. Sadler, to Mrs. Sadler, i the absence of Dr. Sadler. A gift in behalf of the team was presented to Coach Benson by Bcob;

Gilbert and Bobby Hodge. Supt. R. A. McCollum gave a sum mary of the scason and pointed out (Continued on Page Two)

Mona Robertson is **Crowned Band Queen**

Mona Madolyn Robertson, a High James Collum. School freshman and only daughter of Mrs. Owen Robertson, was crowned queen of the Merkel High School band in an impressive between-halves game here last Friday.

With Lanajohn Malone, Pep Squad mascot, as flower girl, carrying a bouquet of beautiful white lilies, and Charles Simpson, band president.

archway formed of band members. best talk and it was won by Max Friday with a wiener roast.

6-WAY FLOOR LAMP; 2 OTHER GRAND PRIZES

Three valuable prizes are being offered in the special Christmas lighting display contest in the residential sections, sponsored by the Merkel Garden club, in which more than 20 residents have already made their entry.

First prize is a six-way floor lamp donated by the West Texas Utilities company and now on display in their salesroom. The Farmers and Merchants National bank has added \$25.00 cash as the second prize, and the sponsors, the Merkel Garden club, will give a dozen of the best rose plants as third prize.

Judging in the lighting contest will be done by competent out-oftown judges on the night of Dec. 22. Entries may still be made but should be registered by Dec. 20 through Mrs. W. S. J. Brown or Mrs. D. Grimes.

Circulate Petition for

A petition in behalf of the city of Merkel and citizens is being circu- that all of the bonds of the two lated-and already a large number of signatures have been secured-askthistles, cedar boughs, mistletoe and ing the Texas and Pacific railway be issued as one series to be known to install a signal light at the intersection of Oak street and their right- bonds, aggregating the principal sum

> Mayor A. J. Canon and all members of the city council signed the petition as a starting point.

The petition states that, while in similar requests have been made in the past the inability to secure the equipment has prevented action, the request is being pressed now in view of the fact that equipment is avail

Area Servicemen

Bonneaux, of having met Capt. Connor Robinson, of Abilene, former superintendent of the Merkel Public Merkel, who own taxable property in chools, who is now stationed in Alas-

Major Bonneaux, on tour as an observer for the Air Force service, Former Residents Have has recently arrived in Alaska.

Coach Carroll Benson Has New Automobile

kel High School Badgers, district champions of 8A four out of the last ding anniversary. five years and contenders this year in the Region 2 finals, is the owner the surrounding communities.

The cash difference between the purchase price of this new car and the trade-in allowance on his old car of accepting subscriptions included Elmer Adcock of Abilene, John Shannon, Joe C. Higgins, Nolan Palmer, Clesby Patterson, Hoyle

SATURDAY DATE FOR ELECTION ON BOND ISSUE

Proposed That City Shall Vote Bonds In Sum of \$100,000 for Waterworks, Sewer Improve-ments and Extensions.

On Saturday of this week, Dec. 20, property-owners of Merkel will decide on two propositions submitted by the city council for a \$100,000 bond issue for improving and enlarging the waterworks system and the

sanitary sewer system. Proposition No. 1, if carried, prevides for the issuance of \$80,000 general obligation tax bonds for the purpose of improving, enlarging, extending and repairing the water works system.

Proposition No. 2, if carried, provides for the issuance of \$20,000 general obligation tax bonds for the bonl issue for improving and enlarg-T. & P. Signal Light tending and repairing the sanitary

sewer system. The election order also provides series, if approved by the qualified voters voting at the election, are to as Water and Sewer Improvement

of \$100,000. In brief the plans submitted by the engineering firm employed by the city council in advance study and embraced in the estimated expenditures propose: (1) digging new wells and laterals; (2) providing pumps and pipelines; (3) an additional water reservoir: (4) a water scftener or treating plant; and, in connection with the water improvements, equipment for complete sewage and sewer

extensions The election is to be held at the Meet in Alaska city hall, with T. L. Grimes, pre-siding judge; Parker Sharp, judge, and Andy Shouse and J. W. Mens-

Those eligible to vote are defined as qualified voters of the City of said city and who have duly rendered the same for taxation.

Golden Anniversary

On Sunday, Dec. 7, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Eoff, of Winters, who formerly lived here when Mr. Eoff was engag-Coach Carroll Benson of the Mer- ed in farming and the grocery business, celebrated their golden wed-

The golden wedding dinner was held in the home of their son and of a new automobile -a two-tone his wife, Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Eoff, Chevrolet Fleetline Aero sedan, as a of Ballinger, and in the afternoon tribute from the fans of Merkel and the Eoffs were honored at an open house and tea at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Noel Reid in Winters.

Among those attending the celebration were Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Adcock was subscribed by followers of the of Brownwood, Mr. and Mrs. O J. sport here. The committee in charge Adcock of Merkel and Mr. and Mrs.

Eleven of the guests were present for the wedding 50 years ago, in-Lemens, Luther Land and W. J. Der- cluding Mrs. Rufus Adcock, a sister of Mr. Eoff.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

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PEP SQUAD BANQUET.

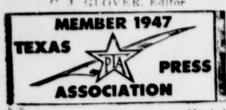
rode in the Bantam car, belonging to happened at different games. A prize Iris Garrett.

Roberts. This happy occasion was en-On Friday night, Dec. 2, the Foot- joyed by the following: Rev. I. L. ball boys of Merkel High school were Parrack, Mr. I. L. Jackson, Mr. entertained by the Pep Squad girls. and Mrs. Claude Young, Mr. and A very choice and appetizing turkey Mrs. John Camp, Misses Lucy Tracy. menu was served and the following Martha Bird, Roberta Sloan and program rendered. Invocation was Christine Collins, and the couples as given by Rev. Parrack; "Why Play follows: Blanton McLean, Venice Football," by Mr. Jackson; vocal Bell; Max Roberts, Ruby Joe Higsolo, by Miss Christine Collins; gins; Rex Roberts, Gladys Watts; "What We Have Done," Mr. Johnny Wyatt Miller, Mildred Hamm; Vic-Camp; reading, by Miss Lucy Tracy; tor Smith, Addie Fay Patterson; R. quartette sung by Iris Garrett, Ve- C. Patterson, Norma Shannon; Tolnice Fell, Carlos Montandon and bert Proctor, Gladys Copeland; Willie Harris, Alice Read; Max Swaf-The main feature of the evening ford, Patsy Lewis; Fred Guitar, Ruby was the presentation of sweaters to Stevenson; J. D. Ashby, Jess Higthe lettermen who are: Blanton Mc gins; Harold Leeton, Mattie Lou Lar-Lean, Max and Rex Roberts, Wyatt gent; Paul Causseaux, Missie Dye; formation of the Levelland-Merkel Miller, William Sheppard, Paul Sterling Sheppard, Louise Booth; Causseaux, Victor Smith, Telbert William Sheppard, Lola Shelton; P. Proctor, J. E. Boaz, Max Swafford, J. McDenald, Fannie Bell Boaz; Leon J. D. Ashby and Horton Williams. McDonald, Estelle Terry; Hollis Er-J. E. Boaz was elected captain of win, Monetta Adcock; Horton Will-Ronnie Barnett,, as crown beaver, the 1928 team. Mr. Jackson called jams, Elizabeth Harkrider; James the crown was placed on her head by on each member of the team for a Collum, Venice Bell; J. E. Boaz. short talk and these talks proved to Bessie Westenhover; Orion Tittle, As the queen left the field, she be varied, revealing many things that Elsie Richie; Carlos Montandon and

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. L. O. McCoy, a member of the band, through an was awarded to the boy making the Feb Squad and football team next

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SOCIETY

LANGSTON-BYROM.

Billie Byrom, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Byrom, Route 2, Trent, became the bride of Derwood Langston, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Langston of Graham, in a ceremony read

Vows were repeated in the First Methodist church of Abilene, with the pastor, Rev. Marvin L. Boyd, reading the service.

The bride wore an ice blue crape dress with a pencil slim skirt, the nesday. bodice was fitted with long sleeves and a key-hole neckline. Her hat was of blue feathers and other accessories were of grey suede. She carried a white Bible topped with a white or-

Attending the bride as maid of honor was her sister, Ann Byrom, who wore a grey dress with navy blue accessories and a corsage of

gardenias. Leroy Langston, brother of the bridegroom, served as best man.

was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Byrom, 334 Grand. The bridal table was centered with a white wedding cake with a miniature bride and bridegroom. Mrs. W. L. Langston served cake and Ann Byrom ladled punch.

Guests were registered by Mrs. J.

B. Allison of Roscoe. Mrs. Langston, a graduate of the Noodle High school, was a junior in McMurry college at the time of her marriage. She was a member of the Delta Beta Epsilon sorority.

The couple was honored with a miscellaneous gift shower in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Marlow of Abilene, on Tuesday, Dec. 9. After a short wedding trip the ccuple will live at 902 Merchant

COLLEGE FOOTBALL QUEEN. The friends of Miss Mary Evelyn Bearden will be interested in her popularity at Decatur Baptist college where she is a freshman this year. She was elected cheer leader of the Pep Squad this fall and more recently was crowned Queen of the football squad. She is the daughter of Mrs. Mary Bearden of Dallas and has visited relatives here many times,

BAPTIST W. M. S. The Woman's Missionary society of the First Baptist church met Mon day afternoon at the church for a Royal Service program. The topic for the month was "Challenge for Service." After the opening song, "Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling, Mrs. Don Riney led the opening prayer and brought the devotional from Col. 1:24-29.

Mesdames Horace Boney and Mack Tucker gave parts on the program. The meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Irl Walker.

Present were Mesdames J. S Swann, A. R. Booth, Earl Lassiter. Sam Swann, W. W. Wheeler and the above mentioned.

Banquet

(Continued from Page One) why it had been such a success-the splendid cooperation of a number of

The program was closed by the singing of "At the End of a Perfect Day," by Jane Hughes and "iv. ian Gasio, accompanied by Mrs. Comer Haynes at the piano.

Violations of City Ordinances Named

Two violations of city ordinances, which have caused much concern the past few days, were cited by Mayor A. J. Canon, who asked that publicity be given as a warning.

In downtown areas, he said that in some instances trash had not even been put in the incinerators but had been emptied several feet away from the containers.

Another complaint, which had conse to his attention, was the poisoning of dogs in the city. It is a violation of a city ordinance to put out poison, he said, adding that "if you have dogs that you want to get rid of, call the city police to request

In The Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Sunday a year ago.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preachnesday evening.

A. T. Suskey, Pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Mornnesday evening.

Merle Weathers, Pastor.

METHODIST CHURCH

Wednesdays, 7:00 p. m.

R. L. Butler, Pastor

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morning sermon at 11 o'clock. Christian ing of the birthday cake, was en-Endeavor meets at 6 p. m. Mid-wcek prayer meeting at 6:30 p. m. Wed- unison on the water glasses to the

D. S. Neel, Pastor.

NAZARENE CHURCH Sunday School 10:00 a. m. Preach-

ing at 11. NYPS at 7:00 p. m. Preaching at 8:00. Prayer meeting at 7:00 p. m. Wednesday. R. T. Smith, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bible School 9:45 a. m. Sunday. Worship 10:50 a. m. and 7 p. m. Young People's meeting 6:15 p. m. Following the wedding a reception | Prayer meeting Wednesday, 7 p. n. Troy M. Cummings, Minister.

> ASSEMBLY OF GOD Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preach-

ing services at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Services Thursday 7:45 p. m. H. S. Earp, Pastor.

Letter to Santa Claus.

Dear Santa Claus: I am seven years old and in the second grade. I would like for you to bring me a football and a white Bible. My little brother is 2 1-2 years old. We wants The bridegroom is a graduate of a miniature football and a gun and Olney high school and is employed a scabbard. We would also like to

Edwin and Roy Lynn Dixon

Hospital Notes.

The following patients were reeived at Sadler Clinic-Hospital durng the past week for treatment: Mrs. F. C. Bible, Bettie Duncan, Dec 11; Mrs. James L. Bailey, Dec. 13, Irs. Lee Stanley, R. L. Nelson, Dec. 14; Mrs. A. J. Barbee, R. R. Mceks. Dec. 15; Billy Joe Bryan, Dec. 16. | The Merkel Mail office.

Christmas Party for Couple from Brooklyn

Trent, Dec. 18 .- In recognition of the visit home of their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Forest Russell, Attendance at the seven reporting from Brooklyn, N. Y., Mr. and Mrs. Sunday Schools last Sunday was 729 G. C. Russell were the genial hosts as compared with 794 on the pre- to seventy or more friends for a vious Sunday and 825 on the same Christmas dinner party Saturday evening in the school lunchroom, festive in Yuletide dress. The affair CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH proved to be a three-way birthday celebration, as the occasion marked ing at 11 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Mid- the birthday of the visiting son, week prayer meeting at 7:00 Wed- whose wife's birthday had been the latter part of November and whose father's birthday was the succeeding

Rev. Rufus Kitchens gave the invocation and Mrs. Karl Bonneaux ing sermon at 11. Training Union was toastmistress for the evening. at 6:00 p. m. Evening sermon at In introducing Mrs. Russell she very 7:00. Prayer meeting at 7:00 Wed- appropriately called for singing "The Sidewalks of New York," while for Mr. Russell, a Texan, "The Eyes of Texas" was timely. Supt. Ben W Newhouse of the Trent schools led Church School 10 a. m. Morning these songs, as well as "Happy worship 11. Youth Fellowship 6:30 Birthday to the Russells," when a m. Evening worship 7:00. WSCS huge three-tiered birthday cake was Mondays, 2 p. m. Mid-week prayer presented. Mrs. Bonneaux gave further emphasis to our grand old state with a poem of her own composition on Texas.

After a delectable holiday menu, climaxed with the cutting and servjoyed, "Jingle Bells" was played in piano accompaniment of Miss Christine Collins and the group then sang this favorite carol. Several mirthprovoking games, inspired by Mrs. Bonneaux, followed. Then changing the pace to the more serious side of life she introduced Joe Tarpley who read Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," Mrs. Ethel Shafer of Merkel who sang "The First Noel" and "White Christmas," and Mrs. Louic McRee, in a reading of "The Night Before Christmas." In concluding this portion of the evening's entertainment, little Miss Kay Beasley, who knew Santa Claus was coming to town, sang "When Santa Claus Had the Rheumatism." As she finished, it was the time for the arrival of a real Santa Claus with his pack of gifts which were distributed amidst much merriment.

The three honorees were remembered with real birthday gifts, with an added holiday tone.

Among out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Herndon and Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Herndon, of Anson; Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Cox, Mrs. Ethel Shafer, Miss Christing Collins and C. J. Glover of Merkel.

THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00) for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the party or parties who poisoned my small black and white Collie dog, named 'Lady' on Friday and-or Saturday nights, Dec. 12th or 13th. Sam Butman, Sr.

We take orders for egg stamps

Christmas Greetings To You and Your Family...

The officers, directors and staff of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank join in extending to you warm, sincere wishes for an "oldfashioned" Merry Christmas.

You'll probably hear some folks say, "Christmas isn't what it used to be-life is too complicated. There are still shortages of this and that: prices are too high; taxes are terrific " and son on.

When we think like that, we aren't thinking about Christmas! Christmas doesn't depend on any of those things-the real spirit of Christmas is in the heart; in the way we think; in the way we feel about our fellow men. And it's just possible there'd be a lot less trouble in this old world if more people thought a bit more about Christmas and kept the Christmas spirit with them 365 days of the year.

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Badgers (Continued from Page One)

Coach Benson's backfield quartet worked behind a hard-charging line which paved the way for Merkel's three touchdowns, and at the same time practically smothered the Lobo running game.

With Corky Land and Leroy Teaff roviding the punch, the Badgers the initial period after halting a; et end behind precise blocking by Leon Floyd, Bobby Hodge and Bobby Gilbert from the 22-yard line to give Merkel a 6-0 lead. Don Dudley's kick was no good.

Late in the second canto the visiters returned a punt to their own 37 and headed for pay dirt. Eleven plays, including three completed formance. Leon Floyd was probably passes, carried them to the Merkel the outstanding blocker and tackler 13. Levelland was then penalized 15 on the field, but was closely pushed yards for clipping. Two plays later by Sanford Carr, Leroy Teaff and Leroy Teaff intercepted a pass on Bobby Criswell, Corky Land with the 20 to put out the fireworks. Score

at the half: 6-0. Levelland returned the second half kickoff to their own 32. Due to some heads-up defensive work by Leon Floyd, Bobby Criswell and Robert Sledge, the boys from the plains lost 6 yards in three plays and were forced to kick to the Merkel 42. Land, Walker and Teaff drove to the Lobo 13 in eight plays and then Merkel was shoved back to the 28 by a 15-yard holding penalty. On the next play Leon Floyd hoofed it to the one-foct line on a beautifully executed screen pass play. Walker scored on the next try and Teaff caught a pass for the extra point to make the count 13-0.

Levelland's Bobby Hart returned the ensuing kickoff to the locals' 25. Fifteen yards were lost on a Statue of Liberty play, but on the next try Hart tossed to Bobby Blundell on the 10, and Blundell dashed into the end zone for the Lobo's first tally. Hart's kick for the extra point was good, making the score 13-7.

The final period provided the real fireworks of the contest. Merkel couldn't go after the next kickoff and Walker quick kicked to mid-field and from this point the visitors began to roll, with Hart and Wise doing most of the mail toting. In 8 plays the Lobos had tied the count and Hart's extra point kick sent the Lobos into a 14-13 lead.

The Badgers were not through for the afternoon, however, as they took the next kickoff on their own 26 and with calmness and precision rolled to another T. D., Jimmy Walker pushing over left tackle from the 7-

yard stripe. Sledge's kick from placement was blocked, but the local eleven held a 19-14 lead with only about a minute to play.

Very few, if any, of the 3,500 rootfans, believed that the Lobos could pull the game out of the fire at this stage, but it seems that Bobby Hart attended by 28 members. and his mates had different ideas. Wise returned the kickoff to the 30 olled 75 yards for a T. D. late in and on the first play from scrimmage, while making the field trip, which Hait dropped back to his 20, being Lobo march on the 25. Land circled badly rushed by Merkel linemen, fired to Aduddell, who took the oval on the 25 and scooted to the "glory land" for the game's winning marker. Two plays later the most thrilling game played in the past five years was over.

Everyone of Merkel's unfortunate warriors turned in a great per-140 yards rushing to his credit was the outstanding ground gainer of the afternoon.

Here's how Merkel won the battle of statistics but lost the ball game: First downs, Merkel 19, Levelland 8; yards rushing, Merkel 240, Levelland 70; passing, Merkel completed 7 of 11 for 71 yards, Levelland completed 6 of 12 for 147 yards; punting, Merkel 2 for 74 yards, Levelland 2 for 66 yards; penalties, Merkel 6 for 60 yards, Levelland 3 for 35 yards; penetrations, Merkel 3, Levelland 4.

The following boys donned their Purple and Gold football togs for the last time Friday afternoon: Jimmy Walker, James Land, Leon Floyd, Leroy Teaff, Robert Hodge, John English, Lon McDonald, Billy Pat Nash, Robert Sledge, Miniford Mc-Coy, Hollis McLean, Bobby Joe Criswell, Bobby Gilbert, Donald Pratt, Larry Baily, Oris Reynolds, Don Dudley, Jimmy Black, Billie Baze, Sanford Carr, and Manager G. H. Suber.

Trent 4-H Boys Plan Field Trip

Trent, Dec. 18 .- Plans for a field ers present, including the Levelland trip to be conducted in January were made by the Trent 4-H club boys at a meeting held Dec. 11, which was

> The boys decided to study more about the care and feeding of hogs will take the place of the regular January meeting.

At the meeting the club named new sponsors: Percy Scott, Bruce Hughes and Odell Freeman.

County Agent Elmo Cook and Assistant County Agent Luther Wilson were present and furnished several interesting suggestions.

The planet Venus and the earth are almost identical twins in size, the earth having a diameter only 327 miles greater.

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R. O. Anderson



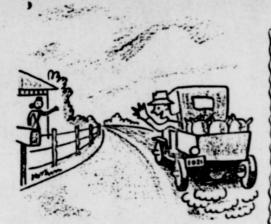
STATE CUNFEDERATE TAXES Last year T & P paid \$16,898 for the support of Confederate Civil War veterans.



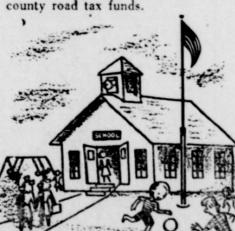
OTHER STATE TAXES (except school taxes) Though T & P's contribution to the state general fund was only \$33,350 last year, it normally averages \$117,750 per year.



COUNTY JURY FUND TAXES T & P paid \$19,667 into the funds counties maintain to pay county jury fees and pay



Of the money T & P took in last year, \$142,692 went into state and various county road tax funds.

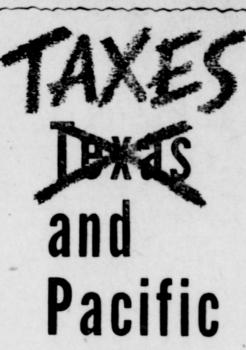


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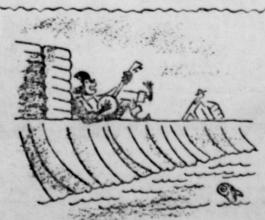
Last year the T & P paid \$496,589 in school taxes, principally in Louisiana and Texas. This is T & P's largest state tax



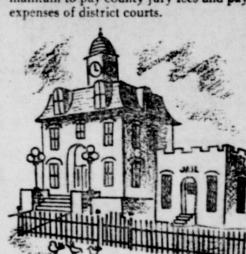
Last year T & P paid city taxes amounting to \$221,493-nearly a quarter of a million dollars for general city expenses.



Besides being a progressive, publicspirited service organization, the Texas and Pacific Railway has been a taxpaying "citizen" of many of the towns along its line in Texas and Louisiana for over 75 years. In 1946, T & P and its subsidiary lines paid \$4,580,387.00 in taxes, or \$12,549.00 per day. These cartoons show how some of the money you spent with the T & P was returned



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ALL OTHER COUNTY TAXES

In 1946 T & P paid \$117,983 into the various county tax funds of the counties and parishes along its line in Texas and



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You are commanded to appear and "I WONDER WHO'S KISSING answer the plaintiff's petition at or | HER NOW before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first "I Wonder Who's Kissing Her Monday after the expiration of 42 Now" is based on incidents in the days from the date of issuance of life of Joe Howard, the fabulous this Citation, the same being Mon- troubadour-composer, whose many day the 19th day of January, A. D., hit ballads kept the populace whistle-1948, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., happy at the turn of the century, and before the Honorable 42nd District who paced his own personal life Court of Taylor County, at the Court to a merry high. Today at 80, Joe House in Abilene, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 4th day of September, 1947, The file number of said suit being No. 15,495-A.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Mrs. Bessie M. Radford and O. E. Radford as Plaintiff, and J. Stoddard Johnston and the unknown heirs of J. Stoddard Johnston, G. W. Price and the unknown heirs of G. W. Price, The Peoples Building Loan and Saving Association, a corporation, and the unknown stockholders of The Peoples Building Loan and Saving Association, Oscar N. Whitney, and the unknown successors, and unknown heirs of said Oscar N. Whitney, Assignee, as Defendants.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit. The Plaintiff's are suing the Defendants in trespass to try title for the title to and possession of Lots Nos. 7 and 8, in Block "U" of the Subdivision of Lot 1, in Block 209, in the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, as shown by plat of said Subdivision recorded in Vol. J. on page 631, cf the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas: and also it is alleged that the Defendants for a period of more than 25 years, have not exercised dominion over said property and have not paid any taxes thereon, and that during said period of 25 years the Plaintiffs have openly exercised dominion over said property, and have paid taxes thereon for 25 years, before such taxes became delinquent, and they sue for the title and possession of said property.

If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. Issued this the 5th day of Decem-

ber, A. D., 1947, Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 5th day of December. A. D., 1947.

J. Neil Daniel, Clerk, District Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Thelma Graham, Deputy.



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MOVIE CALENDAR

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tion, a corporation, and the unknown Sunday, Monday and Tuesday - stockholders of The Peoples Build- June Haver, Mark Stevens in "I ing Loan and Saving Association, Wonder Who's Kissing Her Now; Wednesday - Thursday - Lucille

successors and unknown heirs of said band's Affairs;" Jesse James serial

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MERKEL. TEXAS

Western Stock Show to Caine, III, show manager. Have New Livestock **Exhibition Hall**

Denver, Dec. 18 .- Plans for a record-breaking National Western Stock Show, Horse Show and Rodeo to be vealed in a news release by John T

("Goodbye My Lady Love," "Hello. Ma Baby," "Be Sweet to Me Kid." "Honeymoon," "What's the Use of Dreaming" and the title song) that serve as the heart of this musical feast. And it's the gay era of his neyday that serves as the setting for the film's wonderful story

"If advance entries and ticket reservations are an indication," said Caine, "this year's show promises to be the biggest we've ever had."

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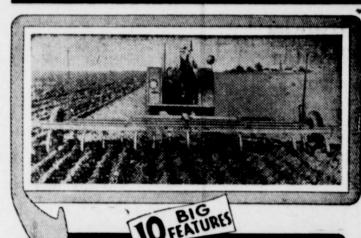
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Well-nourished bodies and minds are the wealth of America. One of the great blessings that this country enjoys is the food it produces in such abundance. Farmers and ranchers who produce this food, and we at Swift & Company who process and distribute it, have an occasion for satisfaction in our teamwork. Together we can sayand proudly-"Nutrition is our business."

Good nutrition begins with soil itself. Out of the soil come the crops-the fruits and grains and vegetables we ear. Out of the soil also come the grasses and legumes and grains on which live-stock feed—the very foundation of the meat and dairy products that are the protein backbone of

Today the American people are better nour-ished than ever before in history. This is cause for pride and rejoicing. For a better fed, healthier people leads to a stronger nation with greater capacity for clearer thinking, for work and pro-

Good nutrition adds life to your years and years to your life. Good eating, which today we call the science of nutrition, is not an accident. It must be planned-beginning with the preparation of the soil and continuing through the raising of the crops and livestock, to the selection and preparation of meals for the table. This is an activity in which we all play an important part. Swift men of research and technology, like you farmers and ranchers all over America, are seeking ways in which the food of our people may be improved and our joint operations made to thrive ever more abundantly.

Martha Logan's Recipe for MINCEMEAT

- 11/2 pounds brown sugar I pound cooked beef shank, chuck, or neck meat quart cider
- I cup meat stock
- 1/2 pound suet
- 4 pounds apples 1/2 pound currants
 - pound seeded raisins
- 2 teaspoons salt 2 teaspoons nutmea 2 teaspoons cloves

3 teaspoons cinnamon 5 tablespoons lemon juice Pare, core, and chop apples. Chop together currants and raisins Add apples, sugar, cider, and meat stock. Cook about 5 minutes.

Grind meat and suet. Add with seasonings to apple mixture. Simmer I hour, stirring frequently to prevent burning. Add lemon juice. This mincemeat may be made ahead of time and canned for use throughout the holiday season. (Yield: 4 quarts)

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faith with the people whom business serves. For exam-

ple, if Swift & Company is to continue to be successful, five distinct groups of people must have faith in our ability to serve them: producers, stockholders, employes, retailers and consumers.

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The 64,000 stockholders invest their savings in Swift & Company with faith that good management will earn them a fair return on their investment. To keep that faith, the company must earn a reasonable profit.

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In serving retailers in every city and town in the nation, Swift is very conscious of its responsibilities to this fourth important group. Through exacting quality-control we are able to supply the retailers with the grade and type of products their trade demands. To serve them faithfully, we have to study and understand their problems, and give them an understanding of ours.

The fifth and largest group served by Swift is the consumers of the nation. Their faith in the Swift name and Swift's branded products is the very basis of our business and a great asset to both you and us.

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There's lots of competition in the livestock and meat industry-both in the buying of livestock, and in the selling of the meat and by-products. U. S. Government reports show the best evidence of this competition when they list a total of more than 4,000 meat packers and more than 22,500 other commercial slaughterers operating in the United States. Of course, Swift & Company does not bid against every one of these 26,500 slaughterers at every point at which it buys livestock. However, there isn't a purchase of livestock or a sale of meat made that doesn't have to meet a considerable number of actual or potential bids of competitors.



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matter, and to build up surface lit-, sorghums. ter. When this has been accomplished the area will be seeded to adapted; grasses for erosion control and used pounds vetch and 30 pounds rye per acre and superphosphate was applied at the rate of about 200 pounds per

W. A. Daniel, cooperator in the South Trent Conservation group, has installed some spreader dams in two of his pastures to spread and better utilize outside water over flat areas. He plans to seed these spreader danis to yellow bluestem grass early next spring.

Judge L. Crow, cooperator in the South Boyd Chapel Conservation group and operator of one of the larger commercial fruit orchards in Jones county, has seeded about 125 acres to hairy vetch and abruzzi rye as a winter cover and soil improv ing crop. Mr. Crow's cropland is mostly deep sandy soils subject to wind erosion if not properly protected. He made his first planting of vetch and rye last year and was greatly impressed with the value of this crop. It is his intention to use hairy vetch and rye as a winter cover crop for his 100 acre orchard annually and to use it in two years

Mrs. Tom Parkinson, cooperator in rotation on the remainder of his culthe Carpenters Gap Conservation tivated land in rotation with grain group, has planted 35 to 40 acres sorghums. It is his opinion that he of the first quarter. of abandoned cropland to hairy vetch can produce as much grain sorghum and abruzzi rye. This sandy idle crop- per acre following vetch as he could land has lost a great amount of top in two years without vetch. He 188 pounds, which made it the smallsoil by wind blowing in recent years. plans to build up a good ground cov- est collegiate line in the Southwest. Mrs. Parkinson plans to grow hairy er of dry vetch and rye litter to Paine weighs around 220 pounds. vetch on this area for a few years to prevent wind blowing in the years revigorate the soil, increase organic when the field is planted to grain do work toward his master's degree

District cooperators constructing servation. He is the first student to new terraces are: C. R. Rogers, Jr., graduate from ACC with a degree in as a permanent pasture. This vetch of Warren group, W. A. Richburg agriculture. was seeded at the rate of about 15 of South Trent group, J. Cal Hamner of North Trent group, W. B. Payne of IXL group and W. S. J. Brown of South Noodle group.

> New York's Wall Street received its name from a boundary wall built across Manhattan Island by the Dutch settlers in 1653 to protect them from possible attack by the English.

Merkel Boy at ACC on **Texas Conference Team**

Abilene, Dec. 18 .- For the second consecutive year Willard Paine, former Merkel High School star, has been named to the All-Texas Conference football team from the Abilene Christian College eleven, where he has been a regular starter at tackle the past two seasons.

Big Paine, a senior in ACC this year, is one of the game co-captains for this year's Wildcat squad that won six, while losing three.

Outstanding in defensive work, Paine held down the left tackle position the entire season, missing only portions of each game of the nine on the schedule. Only at the Arizona State game in Tempe, Arizona did he miss more than half of the contest, as he was injured in the middle

He was the biggest man on the small starting line that averaged only

An agriculture major, he plans to in that field next year in preparation for work in the field of soil con-

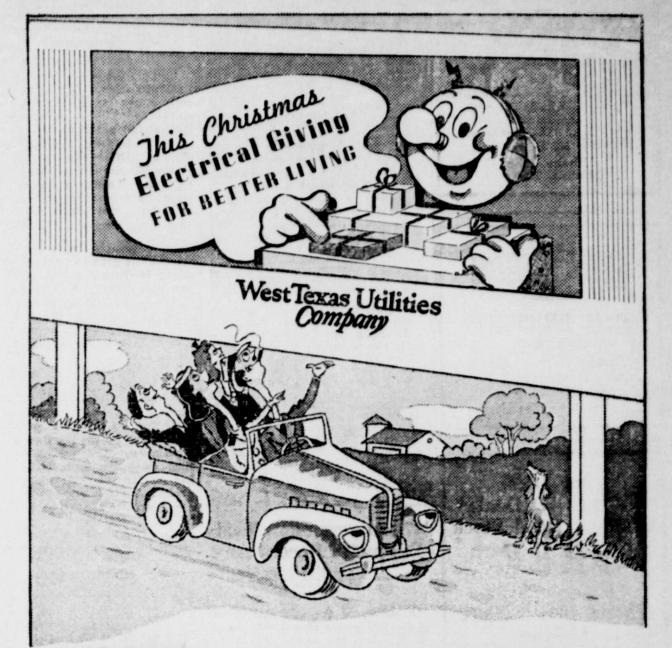
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Approximately one-half of this amount has gone to veterans now residing in Texas, and the remainder has been distributed to veterans living in other states and in almost every country of the world. The figures do not include payments to Texans who were discharged in other

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ince she was struck with polio in

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as. Entirely dependent on public ontributions to meet its annual

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e hospital now is receiving dona-

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'47 Badgers Show Best

Defensive Record Any

Team Past Five Years

A survey of the statistics of the

12 football games played this season

reveals that this year's edition of

the Purple and Gold grid machine

has the best defensive record of any

ocal eleven in the past five years.

an average of 85 yards rushing

per game, which easily taps the 1944

ecord of 113 yards per game. Mer-

kel opponents managed to average

ive first downs, per game, which

is slightly above the previous record

made in 1944. In the passing depart-

ment, the Merkel secondary allowed

their opponents to complete 30 per

cent of their heaves, which is slight-

v off the 1944 record of 27 per cent.

In the offensive department Coach

Benson's boys ranked close to the

1944 aggregation. A total of 320

compared to 377 in 1944. This year

the backfield boys rolled up 2979 yards rushing while 4018 yards were amassed in '44. But in the passing

division the 1947 eleven netted 371

Detailed statistics for the season:

Won eleven games and lost one, that

a thrilling 20-19 loss to Levelland in

the Region 2 finals. Merkel scored

320 points as compared to 72 for the

opposition. 2979 yards were made

rushing as compared to 1016 by the opponents. The Badgers racked up

184 first downs while the enemy

made 61. The Purple and Gold com-

pleted 57 passes out of 125 attempts

or 971 yards. The opposition comeleted 38 out of 110 for 556 yards.

The Merkel punters averaged 32

yards per boot on 24 kicks, while the opponents also had the same aver-

INDIVIDUAL SCORING. James Land, 109 points; Jimmy

Walker, 87 points; Leroy Teaff, 57; Don Dudley, 14; Robert Hodge, 12; Miniford McCoy, 12; Brandion Wade,

12: Bobby Gilbert, 6; Oris Reynolds,

6; Robert Sledge, 2; Marvin Hollo-

INDIVIDUAL YARDAGE.

ries for an average of 6.1 yards per

try: Jimmy Walker, 924 yards in

171 carries for an average of 5.4 yards per try; Leroy Teaff, 741 yards in 103 carries for an average

ATTENDANCE. It is estimated that 23,700 persons

saw the Padge a in action in the 12

of 1,975 per game. The best previous attendance was last year with 22,700

at eleven game. During the past four years about 76,100 fans have witnes-

James Land, 953 yards in 155 car-

way, 2; Jimmy Black, 1.

of 7.2 yards per try.

age of 1944.

More than 1,000 bonds, checks and nas - walking for the first time discharge certificates have been re-March-thanks to the treatment turned by the post office to the San Antonio Finance office because they could not be delivered at the address given by the veterans on their applications. Any veteran who has filed claim for terminal leave a, d ns from its many friends to explanation for non-payment, urged to write at once to the Finance claim was sent, giving his full name enlisted serial number and

> plied for payment under the law Col. Vance believes, and they are urged to submit claims without further delay. Although the deadline has been extended to Sept. 1, 1948, veterans should not wait. Forms are obtainable at most post offices and Veterans Service offices. The offices to which claims should be sent are listed on the application form,

ed Badger games,

NEXT YEAR'S PROSPECTS. Coach Carroll Benson will lose 20 boys from the first two teams. Returning lettermen next fall will be Jimmy Floyd, Paul Bow, Wayne McLean, Bobby DuBose, Donald Douglas and Jack Boone. Eleven squadmen will be back.

At this stage it appears that the Rotan Yellowhammers will be the points were rolled up this year as team to beat for the District 8A title

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Merkel. On McMurry Honor Roll. Abilene, Dec. 18 .- Bill Gant of Merkel is on the mid-semester honor roll at McMurry college, according to a recent announcement by college officials. Only 55 students, those

LODGE CALLS

were listed.

with an average of 90 and above,

Stated meeting of Merkel Chapter 212, Order of Eastern Star, will be held, Tuesday, Dec. 23, at 7:30 p. m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting members cordially in-

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Tuesday, Dec. 9, in the reception members. rooms of the church. Mrs. Dent Gibson, president of the class, greeted Cox, presided for a business meet-31 members and guests, welcoming ing. On Mrs. Largent's motion the them in to the banquet tables, which class voted to give \$10 to the were arranged and decorated to form orphanage at Waco and also \$5 to a huge blue star with a mound of the C. C. Young Memorial home. glistening snowballs for the center- After an inspiring talk by Rev. Mr. piece. Mrs. A. R. Booth offered Butler, Mrs. Miller presented Mrs. thanks, after which the ladies were Owen Robertson, who read a Christseated around the star points and mas story, "The Drum Goes Dead," served to a bountiful two-course re- by Bess Streeter Aldrich. From a

Plate favors were blue metallic stars centered with white mums. On the piano was a miniature snow scene over which hung a likeness of "The Master" and on either side long blue tapers burned, making a beautiful setting for the Christmas program, presented by Mrs. Comer

Letters were read from invited past members and guests who could not attend; every one cherished the good wishes they contained.

At Mrs. Booth's request, (instead of presenting her a gift at this time), the class gave a love offering to Miss Blanche Rose Walker, a missionary to China for 33 years now retired and who is one of Merkel's own. A "goal" was set and reached climaxing a very lovely Christmas occasion.

Attending were Mesdames Irl Walker, J. A. Kuykendall, Ligo Gamble, Sam Swann, L. J. Renfro, L. L. Huddleston, Booth Warren, Ruby Jinkens, C. W. Seago, Owen their annual get-together Christmas Robertson, Claude Warren, Robert Harris, Artist Cook, E. R. Clack, T. J. Bird, John Mansfield, W. J. Largent, J. D. Bradley, D. J. Anderson, Dent Gibson, Ollie Fox, Earl Baze, A. R. Booth, T. T. Earthman, R. J. Miller, Earl Lassiter, Earl Teague, W. L. Fugat, Florence Berry and Elma McFarland and Miss Selena Teaff.

GLEANER PARTY.

The lovely ranch home of Mrs. Tom Largent was opened on Dec. 11 to the Gleaners class of the Method- City," accompanied by Miss Chrisist church for their annual Christmas party. Mrs. Winnie Cypert and Mrs. Ross Ferrier shared hostess duties with Mrs. Largent.

Recordings of Christmas carols the close of the meeting. were heard as members gathered preceding a turkey dinner. The Mesdames Vincent Barnett, Jack centerpiece of the dining table was a Dawson West, Carl Hughes, Glenn statuette of the Madonna holding an open prayer book, surrounded by juniper and snow-covered magnolia leaves. Rev. R. L. Butler offered

The holiday turkey, with all the trimmings, was served buffet-style to 36 seated guests.

During the afternoon, in the spacious living room and sun room, Mrs. Jack Miller presented Mrs. Homer Patterson in a song program, including "Peace Be Still," "There's a Song in the Air" and "Our Yesterdays," with Mrs. C. B. Gardner as accompanist. Mrs. D. H. Vaughn read the Scripture, Mrs. Gardner

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led the devotional on "Peace," and The annual Christmas banquet for Mrs. R. L. Butler offered the praythe T. E. L. class of the First Bap- er. "Silent Night" and other Christtist church was held at 1 p. m. on mas carols were sung by the class

> The class president, Mrs. Denzel ighted pinion Christmas tree, sent Mis. Largent by her son, Joe Largent, of Folsom, N. M., girts were then distributed to climax the Christmas atmosphere.

Guests present were Mrs. W. J. Largent, Mrs. Joe Largent, of Folsom, N. M., Mrs. Chester Imes of Abilene, Mrs. W. T. Sadler, Mrs. Haynes and members of her speech | Owen Robertson, Rev. R. L. Butler and Mr. Tom Largent. The following members were present: Mesdames M. L. Douglas, W. S. J. Brown, Jack Miller, Denzel Cox, Roy Baccus. Eli Case, Lizzie Latham, Lue Petty, W. C. Church, Sallie Moore, John Shannon, W. W. Lincecum, Kenneth Pee, W. W. Toombs, Ear! Stanford, F. Y. Gaither, Herbert Patterson, D. H. Vaughn, C. B. Gardner, Roy Largent, Dee Grimes, Homer Patterson and O. E. Harwell, Misses Lottie Butman and Mabel McRee and the hostesses.

CLASS BANQUET.

Members of the Friendship Couples class of Grace Presbyterian church gathered in the church parlors for banquet on Thursday evening of last

The long white dinner tables, set for 31, were arranged in attractive form and decorated with red candles. A bountiful Christmas dinner of chicken romaine, with all the trimmings, was served buffet-style.

Following the dinner, Christmas gifts were exchanged and a program was sponsored by the president, Vernon Horton. After the opening prayer, led by Rev. D. S. Neel, Mrs. Vincent Barnett sang "The Holy tine Collins. Rev. Mr. Neel gave a Christmas reading on "The Beginning of Time." Members gathered around the piano and sang carols at |

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Those appearing were: Sarah Mc-Ree, Linda Edington, Peggy Neel, lyn McRee, Errol Rutledge, Glenda daughter, Mrs. Leo Harris. Pangle, Sonia Horton, Joe Neel. Ker-

dames S. G. Russell and Burly Bond Joyce Rutledge, Patricia Beasley, Lar mas poems were given by Mrs. L. L Nelle Garey. Charles Neel, Carol Murray and Mrs. S. G. Russell. Dunagin, Ken Riney, Charlene Mad-Don Dudley, Ralph Miller, Dick taken for the Reynolds home. Lindsey, Buddy McKeever, Joy Lansford and Mrs. Ethel Shafer.

WILLING WORKERS CLASS. Mrs. S. G. Russell was hostess to the Willing Workers class of Grace Patricia Smith, Ben Neel, Teresa Presbyterian church for their annual Plate farms were Christmas candies Kay Beasley, Judy Steadman, Caro- Christmas party in the home of her

mit Rutledge, Mary Alice Walker, song, "Silent Night," and the devo- Neel, G. F. West, R. A. Walker, W.

dwin Orr, R. L. Elliott, Jr., For- Bobbie Glen Pangle, Delbert Allred, thousal was given by Mrs. R. A. Walk- M. Elliott, Leo Harris and L. rest Glenn Barnett, Jimmy Russell, Sue McRee, Denta Marie Gibson, Feg. er from the second chapter of Luke, tess. Bill Teaff, Pete West, W. J. Der- gy Bond, Louie Don Whitaker, Jer- on the birth of Christ. Prayer was stine, Rev. and Mrs. D. S. Neel, Mes- ry Gibson. Carolyn Chambless, Billie led by Mrs. G. F. West and Christ-

ison, Colleen Harris, Cherrie Woody, ture quotations. A song, "There Is a put to practical use about 1300 A. D. Fobye June Riney, Margie Skurlock. Name I Love to Hear," and prayer Mary Frances Teaff, Marlene Mc. by Mrs. R. A. Walker closed the pro-Keever, Jean Miller, Burl McCoy, gram, after which an offering was

In the social hour, names were drawn and each member received a gift from a lighted tree. Mrs. Russell was assisted by Mrs. Harris in serving a refreshment plate of cheese sandwiches, cake and hot chocolate. and mints, served to the following: Mesdames S. A. Derstine, W. A. The meeting was opened with a Wozencraft, L. L. Murray, D. S.

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Mary Les Tayloris Orange Crunchies Broadcast:

December 20, 1947

sugar and orange rind together until light and fluffy. Beat egg in vigorously. Stir in about ½ of flour mix-ture. When smooth, add ½ of milk. Repeat until all flour and milk are used. Fold in mixture of corn flakes and nuts. Drop from a teaspoon onto greased baking sheet. Bake 15 min., or until brown. Remove at once. Makes about 4 doz.

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79c

39**c**

58c

49c

68c

49c

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